

The World at Weekend

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'Liberalism' for disrupters

The commercial press reported little about Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's visit to Algeria, Guinea (Bissau), Sierra Leone in Africa, and the socialist lands of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

But the Nixon Administration and Kissinger's office, the CIA and Big Business circles were keenly attentive to it.

There is no doubt they were disturbed by the unity, the fraternity, "the warm sympathies, solidarity and unbreakable friendship" expressed during the trip. Imperialism thrives on disunity of the anti-imperialist, Communist and national liberation forces; it is saddened by their unity.

The meeting in the Soviet Union of representatives of that country with the Cubans had special significance. As the communique at the conclusion of the Soviet-Cuban talks stated:

"This meeting between the representatives of the party, the workingclass, and the people of the country which was the first in mankind's history to put into practice the ideals of socialism, and the representatives of the party, the workingclass and the people of the country that was the first to start building a socialist society in America, is a vivid symbol of our time, a manifestation of the unbreakable bond uniting the Soviet Union and Cuba."

Castro's visit, not only to the Soviet Union but the other countries, is a measure of the remarkable transformation going on in the world and of the giant advances of socialist development and the national liberation movement. It was a "vivid symbol," indeed, of the changed relationship of forces on a world scale which now favors the progressive forces of socialism and national liberation.

And it raises a challenging question: If Cuba, a former colony of U.S. imperialism, can bloom so fruitfully under socialism, why should not the United States?

The coming of socialism to Cuba destroyed many myths. It is further proof of the universality of socialism as a system, and proof it can flourish far from the land in which it was born, the Soviet Union.